

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of the Claims replaces all prior versions and all prior listings of the claims in the present application:

Listing of the Claims

1-44. (Cancelled herein)

45. (New) A nucleic acid vector comprising sequences encoding *E. coli* argU, ileY and leuW tRNAs, wherein the backbone of said vector is derived from pACYC184.

46. (New) The vector of claim 45 wherein said sequences encoding said *E. coli* tRNAs are present in the order argU, ileY, leuW.

47. (New) The vector of claim 46 wherein said sequence encoding ileY tRNA is present in the opposite orientation to said sequences encoding argU and leuW tRNAs.

48. (New) The vector of claim 45 that comprises a *tet* promoter.

49. (New) The vector of claim 48 wherein said *tet* promoter is operably linked to a sequence encoding a said tRNA.

50. (New) The nucleic acid vector of claim 45 wherein said sequence encoding *E. coli* argU tRNA comprises the sequence between base pairs 8041 and 8260 of GenBank Accession No. AE000159.

51. (New) The nucleic acid vector of claim 45 wherein said sequence encoding *E. coli* ileY tRNA comprises the sequence between base pairs 7741 and 7950 of GenBank Accession No. AE000350.

52. (New) The nucleic acid vector of claim 45 wherein said sequence encoding *E. coli* leuW tRNA comprises the sequence between base pairs 241 and 378 of GenBank Accession No. J01713.

53. (New) The nucleic acid vector of claim 45 which further comprises a chloramphenicol resistance gene.

54. (New) A nucleic acid comprising a promoter operably linked to sequences encoding *E. coli* argU, ileY and leuW tRNAs.

55. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 54 wherein said sequences encoding *E. coli* tRNAs are present in the order argU, ileY, leuW.

56. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 55 wherein said sequence encoding ileY tRNA is present in the opposite orientation to said sequences encoding argU and leuW tRNAs.

57. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 54 wherein said promoter is the *tet* promoter.
58. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 54 wherein said promoter is endogenous to a said sequence encoding an *E. coli* tRNA.
59. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 54 wherein said sequence encoding *E. coli* argU tRNA comprises the sequence between base pairs 8041 and 8260 of GenBank Accession No. AE000159.
60. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 54 wherein said sequence encoding *E. coli* ileY tRNA comprises the sequence between base pairs 7741 and 7950 of GenBank Accession No. AE000350.
61. (New) The nucleic acid vector of claim 54 wherein said sequence encoding *E. coli* leuW tRNA comprises the sequence between base pairs 241 and 378 of GenBank Accession No. J01713.